



Housing and renting

I want to rent a home in the NT - what are the types of renting?

In the NT, there are three (3) types of renting:



Public housing:
renting (or holding a tenancy) through the Government, such as the Department of Housing.



Community housing:
renting (or holding a tenancy) through a community housing provider.



Private housing:
renting (or holding a tenancy) through a private person, including a real estate agent or landlord.

Having or needing a home is an important part of our lives.

Renting a home means you have legal rights and responsibilities.

I am renting - what are the common problems?

When you are renting some common problems can include:



→ **Paying rent** - how much and how often?



→ **Ending a tenancy** - how and what happens?



→ **Repairs** - what happens next and who is responsible?



→ **Owing money after a tenancy** - why and how to sort out problems?



→ **Rental inspections** - how often and what happens?

Renting and me - a quick guide



I AM renting

You will have legal rights to:

- Safe and quiet enjoyment of your home.

You will have legal responsibilities to:

- Pay rent on time.
- Report any repairs (and sometimes, pay for them).
- Tell your agent or landlord if you want to leave or move.

You can seek legal help while you are renting.



I WAS renting

You will have legal rights to:

- True records of your tenancy, including if there was money owed.

You might owe money if there was trouble when you rented:

- If you owe money for rent or repairs, you should seek legal help.
- If you owe money from your public or community housing tenancy, this can impact on renting public or community housing in the future.
- If you owe money from your private tenancy, this could be recorded on a database - this can impact on renting privately in the future move.

You can seek legal help about an old or previous tenancy.



I WANT to rent

You will have legal rights to:

- Equal treatment when applying for a tenancy.
- If you are wanting to live in public or community housing, you should apply as soon as possible - waitlists can be very long.
- If you are wanting to live in private housing, you should work out your budget and apply to rent a property that is right for you/your family.

You can seek legal help to make a housing application or understand a tenancy contract.



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